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SUB: MFA DIRECTOR GENERAL'S COMMENTS ON GREEK-TURKISH RELATIONS

1. AFTER A DISCUSSION APRIL 20 WITH DCM CONCERNING RECENT GREEK-SOVIET TALKS (REPORTED SEPTTEL), MFA DIRECTOR GENERAL FOR POLITICAL AFFAIRS TZOUNIS COMMENTED BRIEFLY ON GREEK-TURKISH RELATIONS.

2. TZOUNIS SAID THAT FOR ALL PRACTICAL PURPOSES THERE HAS BEEN NO FORWARD MOVEMENT ON THE FIR DISPUTE. HE COMMENTED THAT THE LATEST TURKISH PROPOSAL DOES AWAY WITH THE WORK OF TWO YEARS OF PREVIOUS NEGOTIATIONS. GOG EXPERTS ARE STUDYING THE TURKISH PROPOSAL, HE SAID, BUT A RESUMPTION OF SERIOUS TALKS WILL DEPEND ON THE RESULTS OF FOREIGN MINISTER BITSIOS' MEETING WITH FOREIGN MINISTER CAGLAYANGIL IN STRASBOURG LATER THIS MONTH. HE ADDED THAT PROGRESS ON THE AEGEAN CONTINENTAL SHELF ISSUE WILL LIKEWISE DEPEND ON THE RESULTS OF THE STRASBOURG ENCOUNTER.

3. TZOUNIS THEN RAISED THE QUESTION OF A DEVELOPING
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BORDER PROBLEM BETWEEN GREECE AND TURKEY ALONG THE EVROS RIVER IN THRACE. HE SAID THAT A BORDER COMMISSION CREATED UNDER THE TREATY OF LAUSANNE (1923) HAD FIXED A PERMANENT BORDER ALONG THE COURSE OF THE EVROS AS IT FLOWED AT THAT TIME. SINCE THEN, THE RIVER'S CHANNEL HAS SHIFTED BACK AND FORTH, BUT THE FRONTIER REMAINED AS ORIGINALLY SET BY THE BORDER COMMISSION. LAST FEBRUARY, HOWEVER,

TZOUNIS CONFIRMED TURKS HAD BEGUN FARMING ON GREEK LAND WHICH, BECAUSE OF A CHANGE IN THE RIVER, IS NOW EAST OF THE EVROS, ADDING THAT THE TURKS HAVE NOT YET ESTABLISHED ANY MILITARY PRESENCE THERE. HE REVEALED THAT SEVERAL GREEK DEMARCHES IN ANKARA HAVE BEEN UNSUCCESSFUL IN HALTING THE CULTIVATION. TZOUNIS CONCLUDED BY SAYING THE GOG IS BECOMING MORE CONCERNED AT THE LACK OF RESPONSE FROM ANKARA, FIRST, AS A MATTER OF PRINCIPLE AND, SECONDLY, BECAUSE OF POTENTIAL ADVERSE DOMESTIC REACTION IF THE SITUATION BECOMES PUBLIC KNOWLEDGE IN GREECE.
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